

ORDINANCE NO. 116,

An Ordinance Providing for the Muzzling of Dogs, and for the Eradication of Rabies in the City of Lodi, and Prescribing a Penalty for the Violation of Its Provisions.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Lodi, do ordain as follows:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, owning, having an interest in, harboring or having the care, charge, control, custody or possession of a dog, to allow or permit such dog to go free and to run at large in or upon any place inside the corporate limits of the City of Lodi, unless such dog is muzzled with a muzzle so as to entirely prevent such dog from biting any person or animal.

Section 2. All such muzzles for muzzling dogs shall be securely strapped to the dog's head, and shall be so made and applied that the same will completely surround the jaw and nose of the dog on which the same is fastened, and be so as to prevent the dog from biting any person or thing, but so as to allow the opening of the mouth of such animal, and allow it to breathe and drink with freedom.

Section 3. The City Marshal and his deputies, and the Pound Keeper of the City of Lodi, must and are hereby authorized and empowered to capture any dog not muzzled, as required by this ordinance and found going free or running at large in or upon any place within the corporate limits of the City of Lodi, or such officer or Pound Keeper may, and he is hereby empowered to kill and destroy such dog, if in his judgment he deems such action necessary.

Section 4. Dogs captured under the provisions of Section 3, shall be confined in the City Pound, and it shall be the duty of the City Health Officer or his representative, when called upon, to examine or have examined such dog and to ascertain whether or not such dog is affected with rabies, and such dogs shall be confined until the health officer or his representative shall find that further observance of the animal is not necessary for the determination of the presence or absence of rabies.

Section 5. Whenever the owner or person having the custody or possession of the animal shall observe or learn that such animal has shown symptoms of rabies, or has acted in a manner which would lead a reasonable man to a suspicion that it might have rabies, such owner or person having the custody or possession of such animal shall immediately notify the City Health Officer or his representative, and shall allow the City Health Officer to make an inspection or examination of such animal and to quarantine such animal until it shall be established to the satisfaction of said official that such animal has or has not rabies.

Section 6. Whenever it is shown that any dog has bitten any person, the owner or person having the custody or possession thereof shall, upon order of the City Health Officer, quarantine it and keep it tied up or confined for a period of three weeks, and shall allow the City Health Officer or other official of the City Board of Health to make an inspection or examination thereof at any time during said period.

Section 7. If it shall appear to the City Health Officer or other official of the City Board of Health, upon examination of the aforesaid or otherwise, that a dog or other animal has rabies, he shall kill it forthwith.

Section 8. Whenever any animal shall be bitten by another animal having rabies, the owner or person having the custody or possession of the animal so bitten shall, upon being informed thereof, either kill such animal or quarantine it, and keep it confined or tied up for a period of six months, and the City Health Officer or other official of the City Board of Health shall have power, in his discretion, to kill or quarantine the animal so bitten, in case the owner or person having custody or possession thereof shall fail to do so immediately, or in case the owner or person having the custody or possession thereof is not readily accessible.

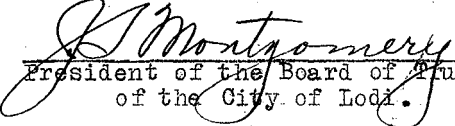
Section 9. No person shall bring a dog into the City of Lodi from any part of the State of California, in which rabies is present, or has been known to be present within six months.

Section 10. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$300. or by imprisonment in the County jail of San Joaquin County, for a period not exceeding 90 days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 11. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and shall take effect immediately upon its final passage and publication.

Section 12. This ordinance shall be published once in the Lodi Sentinel, a newspaper published and circulated in said City of Lodi.

I hereby approve and sign the foregoing ordinance this 13th day of December, A. D. 1920.


President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Lodi.

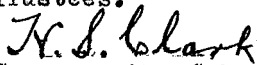
I, H. S. Clark, City Clerk of the City of Lodi, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 116 was read and introduced for passage at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, of the City of Lodi, on the 6th day of December, 1920, and was thereafter, on December 13th, 1920, duly passed and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes: Trustees Crose, Hickok, Hale, and Montgomery.

Noes; None.

Absent: Trustee Rich.

And that said ordinance was thereupon approved and signed by the president of the Board of Trustees.


City Clerk of the City of Lodi.